

## Base Briefs

### WING HOLDS HOLIDAY PARTY SATURDAY

Last week's *Space & Missile Times* misprinted the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing holiday party start time. The correct start time is 5:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Pacific Coast Club. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow. Cost ranges from \$8 to \$20. Call Capt. Stacy Exum at 606-3604 or Capt. Patricia Teran-Dick at 606-5602 for names of squadron points of contact.

### MED GROUP CLOSES TODAY

The 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group is closed today. The pharmacy remains open for regular hours, but with limited services: refill pickup, new prescriptions already dispensed awaiting pick-up, and drop off only of new civilian prescriptions. For emergency care, go to the nearest emergency room. If urgent care needs arise, call (888) 252-3299 for assistance.

### GROUP NEEDS COOKIES TODAY

The Vandenberg Spouses' Club and the base first sergeants need cookie donations. Eight hundred dozen cookies are needed. The goal is to deliver a dozen homemade cookies to each dorm resident for the December holidays. Bakers can drop off homemade cookies at the Pacific Coast Club from 6 to 9 a.m. today. The cookies will be packaged and distributed to each dorm resident.

### AFSA HOLDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TODAY

Vandenberg's Air Force Sergeant's Association, Chapter 1356, holds a membership drive in front of the Main Base Exchange today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can come by and join the organization or renew membership. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Scott Astrosky at 606-8700.

### SANTA VISITS COMMISSARY SUNDAY, DEC. 23

Santa Claus visits the Vandenberg Commissary Sunday and Dec. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Parents and children can come and put in their Christmas wish lists.

### OFFICIALS DECLARE DEC. 24, 31 DOWN DAY

In recognition of the sacrifices and contributions of military members and their families, Gen. Ed Eberhart, Air Force Space Command commander, has declared Dec. 31 a goal day. Additionally, President George Bush has approved a four-day holiday weekend for all federal employees from Dec. 22 to 25 in appreciation of their efforts during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

All federal employees are granted federal holidays on both Dec. 24 and 25. For military members, the extended weekend Dec. 29 to Jan. 1 will be four-day regular pass period. Military people not required for mission essential duty may be authorized time off. For civilians, normal rules for

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## Delta at dawn



PHOTO BY DAN TKACH

Team Vandenberg and NASA launched a Boeing Delta II rocket carrying the Jason 1 and TIMED satellites into orbit at 7:07 a.m. Dec. 7. Jason 1 is a joint U.S. and French oceanography mission to monitor world ocean circulation, study the interaction of the oceans and atmosphere, improve climate predictions and observe events like El Niño. The TIMED mission will study the influence the sun and humans have on the mesosphere and lower thermosphere/ionosphere.

## First-term airmen can extend for 'personal convenience'

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ When first-term airmen face that monumental decision to either reenlist or separate, they'll have another option to throw into the hat.

"Now they have the choice to extend one year for their 'personal convenience,'" said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing career assistance adviser. Prior to this change, first-term airmen could only apply to extend for mission-related reasons.

Responding to an Air Force News Service query, Chief Master

Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch said, "The initiative originated with the major command senior enlisted leadership and it makes sense to implement the change, given our current focus on retention."

The change falls under Rule 28, *Best Interest of the Air Force*, in Air Force Instruction 36-2606, *Reenlistment In the United States Air Force*.

"Under this expanded rule, airmen who want to extend must be re-enlistment eligible, must extend for the entire 12-month period, and must not fall under any of the other

27 rules," Tierney said.

First-term airmen can only extend under this rule once, and the total of this and any other extensions cannot exceed 23 months.

For more information on enlistment extensions, individuals can call the reenlistment section at the 30<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight at 606-1845.

Enlisted members seeking career information can call Senior Master Sgt. Michael Tierney at 606-9815. (AFPC News Service contributed to this article)

## Findings lead to lower speed limit

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30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Base officials lowered the speed limit on North Vandenberg in response to findings of an accident investigation board on the June 29 roll-over of a Minuteman III ICBM Transporter Erector.

The incident occurred after the driver lost control of the TE as he negotiated a curve on El Rancho Road while returning to main base from training at a launch site on North Vandenberg.

While the driver was operating the vehicle within the equipment parameters and posted speed limit, the accident investigation board determined that speed contributed to the accident. Additionally, the board found that insufficient experience and inadequate training contributed to the driver's inability to successfully negotiate the curve.

Since the accident, the base has



PHOTO BY AIRMAN MICHELLE MIRANDA

A \$2.3 million transporter erector rests upside down on El Rancho Road after a single-vehicle accident June 29.

lowered the speed limit around the curve to 15 mph for tractor-trailers and larger vehicles and 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron officials are reviewing unit training processes to determine how they can be enhanced to prevent future mishaps.

The TE was transporting an in-

ert Minuteman III training missile at the time of the mishap. Although officials have declared the training missile irreparable, the tractor is repairable and portions of the container are salvageable.

Total damages are estimated at \$2.3 million.

## Test falls short

### Booster splashes off VAFB coast

BY MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ A prototype booster and rocket system failed shortly after launch here at 10:15 a.m. Thursday.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's prototype booster splashed into the Pacific Ocean less than a minute after launch. The failure is being investigated.

The system was intended for future use with the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's Ground-based Midcourse Defense System. The purpose of this test was to

verify booster and system performance. There was no intercept attempt.

The missile was supposed to travel downrange over the Pacific Ocean, passing north of Hawaii carrying a mock exoatmospheric kill vehicle to simulate the mass and weight of an actual EKV.

"At least 19 more tests are planned over the next five years to validate hit-to-kill technology and the integration of system elements," said Maj. Catherine Reardon, BMDO spokesperson.

## Base responds to bioterrorism scare

BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Twenty-five Vandenberg Federal Credit Union employees found themselves surrounded and quarantined at work here Tuesday afternoon after a suspicious substance was found in a roll of coins.

Hazmat technicians responded to the scene and tested for biological toxins. The field test results were negative. The substance was then sent to Santa Barbara to validate the field results and has since been sent to Los Angeles for more complete testing.

As a precaution base medical officials have recommended that anyone involved in the quarantine begin taking antibiotics.

The incident began when a credit union cashier broke open a roll of dimes around 3 p.m. and a white powder fell out of the roll.

Within minutes, Alicia Kaplan, VFCU call center manager, called 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron law enforcement desk to report the substance.

A 30<sup>th</sup> SFS patrolman responded and confirmed the suspicious powder. He immediately called in the base's hazardous material response

and bioenvironmental teams.

The tactical operations chief during the response, Dan Ardoin, 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron assistant fire chief, stayed in constant contact with the VFCU employees inside to update them on the response status.

"My job was to keep them calm and isolated from the contaminants," he said. "They were stand-up citizens, real troopers, who kept calm and strong throughout the quarantine."

Kaplan was thankful for the fast response of the crew and pointed out that Ardoin was a big help in keeping everyone inside calm.

"Dan was awesome," said Kaplan. "He talked us through all the details as they took place. He was clear and concise about everything. Dan said he'd call in 10 minutes and he did."

An Air Force Office of Special Investigations special agent said there is no indication of a threat toward Vandenberg or the credit union.

The employees were released from the scene at 6:05 p.m. after a briefing by the response team members.



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

A protestor tries to strike 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron members while other security members pull her away during the Oct. 7, 2000, protest here.

## Guilty: Protestors pay piper

BY 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. MICHELLE MAYO

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ U.S. attorneys successfully prosecuted seven protestors in Los Angeles last week for trespassing here during the Oct. 7, 2000, demonstration.

A federal judge fined each protestor between \$100 to \$1,000 and sentenced each to one or two years of probation.

Five cases were dropped before the trial, two changed their pleas to guilty and two others were acquitted, according to Donna Rathbun, a paralegal at the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

Capt. Michael Christy, special assistant U.S. attorney, said he was satisfied with the trial results and believed justice was served in each case resulting in conviction.

"These people have to understand they do not have the right to enter Vandenberg," Christy said.

"When the judge convicted them, they realized that the law applies to them and they have to suffer the consequences for their actions."

As a part of their probation, the convicted were ordered to stay off Vandenberg property. That includes the part of U.S. Highway 1 that runs through base property which is under the concurrent jurisdiction of the Air Force, Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office and California Highway Patrol.

The demonstration was part of an international day of protest organized by Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space. The protestors said they staged the demonstration to display their opposition to the militarization of space.

"It's not the message that we have a problem with," said Christy. "It's the method they used that we have the problem with."

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Holiday spirit spreads through Vandenberg. Contracting squadron sends Christmas cheer to deployed members. See Page 3.



Titans tear it up! Vandenberg Village youth football team places third in local league. See Page 5.

**Weekend forecast**  
Today: chance of rain showers.  
Saturday & Sunday: sunny.  
**Low/High**  
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# DUI: Kills people, costs big bucks

By Master Sgt. Ty Foster  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

For level-headed people, accepting the consequences of driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol are beyond their capacity to understand. They can't fathom the implications of a criminal record or the financial burdens of increased insurance, court and DUI class costs. Innocent lives are forever changed when a mother, father, brother or sister is killed or disabled by a drunk driver. The momentary lapse in judgment carries a moral burden to bear for the drunk driver. People in the military aren't exempt from making mistakes. It's not unusual for some of our people to be in town at a club with friends and have a few drinks. Sometimes, thankfully not often — but once is too much — a person might leave the club and think, "I've only had a couple drinks. I can still drive." So he embarks on his drunken journey, which leads to a very sobering experience. The drunk driver has operated his vehicle under the misguided belief that an off-base DUI wouldn't affect his career. Upon apprehension, prosecution and subsequent punishments, he learns the errors of his alcohol-induced logic. Sometimes they get lucky.

No, they don't make it home without getting caught. Luck comes in the form of a law enforcement officer apprehending the driver before he kills himself or some other innocent victim. That's when their journey through the Air Force judicial system begins. For military members, off-base DUI arrests are usually documented immediately with a letter of reprimand. Later, if convicted for the offense, the original LOR can be removed and replaced by a subsequent one that documents the conviction. At that time, commanders give serious consideration to placing it in an unfavorable information file. During subsequent Article 15 proceedings, it's not uncommon for a convicted offender to lose hard-earned rank through an administrative demotion. Commanders have several other tools at their disposal when dealing with DUI offenders. They include: control rosters, removal from leadership or supervisory positions, denial of decorations, alcohol-abuse classes, group counseling and more. In some cases, the DUI conviction can be used as a basis for an administrative discharge and possibly a court-martial. Regardless of whether the offender is military or civilian, DUI charges present serious consequences for the convicted. Upon appearing in court, first-

time offenders are at the mercy of the judge, who has several options at her disposal. If the judge denies probation, the defendant can spend from 96 hours to six months in custody in the county jail. Then there's the fine—\$390 to \$1,000. If the judge grants probation, it can be as long as three years. Jail time can still range from 48 hours to six months and fines are still \$390 to \$1,000. A mandatory restriction of off-base driving privileges for 90 days runs simultaneously with the base's mandatory one-year revocation. By the time the attorney tacks on his fees, typically from \$1,500 to \$3,000, the split-second lapse in judgment ends up costing the offender thousands of dollars, his reputation and the burden of a criminal record. In the Air Force, we encourage and expect supervisors, first sergeants and commanders to remind their people of the grave risks they take if they drink and drive. Their personal freedom, driving privileges and lives are on the line as soon as they slip behind the wheel to drive while intoxicated. Friends also play a huge role in preventing a friend from driving under the influence. Intervene — it can save a life. All of those problems can be avoided with a 30-cent phone call or a \$15 cab ride. Is it worth it?

■ *People busted for DUI on Vandenberg face non-judicial punishment action, as a minimum. Below is a list of the five DUIs for 2001 and their Article 15 punishment actions:*


♦ **March:** An airman basic from the 532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron forfeited \$521 pay per month for two months (suspended) and served 14 days of extra duty.

♦ **May:** A technical sergeant from the 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron is busted down to staff sergeant and reprimanded. An airman first

class from the 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron forfeited \$250 pay per month for two months (suspended) and was confined to base for a month.

♦ **September:** A staff sergeant in the 534<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron forfeited \$250 pay per month for two months and served five days extra duty.

♦ **October:** A senior airman from the 30<sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron is reduced to an airman first class, reprimanded, restricted to base for 45 days and served 45 days extra duty.



**Col. Robert M. Worley II**  
**Commander,**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing**

## Commander's Action line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response. While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals. Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

**Call or e-mail at 606-7850 or [actionline@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:actionline@vandenberg.af.mil)**

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# Deployed airman thanks Team V

*Editor's Note: 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Commander Col. Robert M. Worley II recently received this letter.*

I would like to thank you and Team Vandenberg for the package you sent us while we are deployed. Our hearts opened up to the picture sent to us from Pacific Christian School — a picture of the American flag with Jesus in the middle holding hands with a soldier. The treats and bathroom supplies do come in handy here. Also inside the package was an issue of the Vandenberg *Space & Missiles Times*. Newspapers only come here once every two weeks

and many people from sister services and fellow airmen got to read that issue. Almost everyone commented on how lucky Vandenberg people were to have a program like Global Hearts and how they were going to try and set up such a program when they get home. Small chores to us can become very challenging for loved ones at home. One particular friend said his wife hadn't mowed the lawn because he puts the gas can on the top shelf and she can't reach it. Thanks to Global Hearts, my wife doesn't have to worry about the lawn or the car. I get two phone calls a week and she always tells me how the guys came and mowed the lawn and asked her if she needed anything else done. Just their concern for her takes a load off her. She knows where to go when in need. I can hear it in her voice every time I call. With her being cared for, it allows me to sleep better while here, producing a more efficient person. My nights are restful and sleep-filled only because people from Team Vandenberg care and volunteer to lend a hand. Thank you all, Jose Deployed Team Vandenberg member



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Susan Zielinski and Janice Kleitsch peek out from Santa's workshop. The display is part of holiday decorations at the 30<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron.

# Women create holiday joy

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michelle Mayo  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

Overcome with holiday spirit, four women in the 30<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron are bringing Christmas cheer to their co-workers here and to those deployed. Peggy Clesson, Janice Kleitsch, Cathy Johnston and Susan Zielinski began what they call "Operation Homefront," a card-writing campaign for the three deployed members of the unit. Clesson, plans and programs flight chief, came up with idea. "The holidays are the worst time to be away from family," she said. "All three will be gone right in the thick of the holiday season." Zielinski, a procurement analyst, added, "It's nice to get mail anytime, but especially during the holidays." Zielinski, whose father is a retired Air Force senior master sergeant, said she understands what it's like to be overseas and so far from family. "You always look forward to hearing from home," she said. About two or three cards are

sent every day to each deployed person, two of whom are in Europe, the other is in Southwest Asia. By Christmas, each of them should receive between 50 to 60 cards. Most of the squadron participated, said Clesson. "They will get holiday greetings throughout the season," Zielinski said, "Hopefully everyday." The women funded the campaign out of their own pockets and with donations from others. Clesson, who bought the cards, asked members of the squadron to donate a few minutes of their time to fill out the greetings. "People who don't even know (the deployed members) asked to send cards," Zielinski said. All of the people who took the time to sign cards also donated \$1 for stamps, she added. With "Operation Homefront" in full swing, the women continued to spread holiday cheer at home by turning their workplace into a winter wonderland. They again used their own money to buy over \$400 worth of

decorations and spent hours after work decorating their office, said Zielinski. Now, five brightly decorated Christmas trees, including a red, white and blue one called the "Patriotic Tree" adorn the area. Other flight members got into the spirit by bringing in trees and even a gigantic snowman, according to Zielinski. "Santa" set up his workshop at the back of the office. Cathy Johnston, a purchasing agent, said they didn't think twice about the money they spent or the effort they made to put the projects together. "We grew up in the military in the '50s and '60s when people did this kind of stuff all of the time to boost morale," Johnston said. "What we've noticed is that it's been catching," Zielinski added. "It gets people in the mood or inspires them to decorate their own space." The 30<sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron is holding an open house Wednesday. Everyone is welcome. People can also drop off cards for the deployed members.

## Crunch!



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

Staff Sgt. James Eselgroth and Master Sgt. Thomas Calhoun, 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, peer at a government vehicle after an accident Tuesday at the intersection of California Blvd. and Utah Ave. No one was injured in the accident.

# Heroes lead by example

*Life's true leaders are not always recognized immediately*

By Col. James Moschgat  
12<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander

William "Bill" Crawford certainly was an unimpressive figure, one you could easily overlook during a hectic day at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Mr. Crawford, as most of us referred to him back in the late 1970s, was our squadron janitor. While we cadets busied ourselves preparing for academic exams, athletic events, Saturday morning parades and room inspections, or never-ending leadership classes, Bill quietly moved about the squadron mopping and buffing floors, emptying trash cans, cleaning toilets, or just tidying up the mess 100 college-age kids can leave in a dormitory. Sadly, and for many years, few of us gave him much notice, rendering little more than a passing nod or throwing a curt, "G'morning!" in his direction as we hurried off to our daily duties. Why? Perhaps it was because of the way he did his job -- he always kept the squadron area spotlessly clean, even the toilets and showers gleamed. Frankly, he did his job so well, none of us had to notice or get involved. After all, cleaning toilets was his job, not ours. Maybe it was his physical appearance that made him disappear into the background. Bill didn't move very quickly and, in fact, you could say he even shuffled a bit, as if he suffered from some sort of injury.

His gray hair and wrinkled face made him appear ancient to a group of young cadets. And his crooked smile, well, it looked a little funny. Face it, Bill was an old man working in a young person's world. What did he have to offer us on a personal level? Finally, maybe it was Mr. Crawford's personality that rendered him almost invisible to the young people around him. Bill was shy, almost painfully so. He seldom spoke to a cadet unless they addressed him first, and that didn't happen very often. Our janitor always buried himself in his work, moving about with stooped shoulders, a quiet gait, and an averted gaze. If he noticed the hustle and bustle of cadet life around him, it was hard to tell. So, for whatever reason, Bill blended into the woodwork and became just another fixture around the squadron. The Academy, one of our nation's premier leadership laboratories, kept us busy from dawn till dusk. And Mr. Crawford -- well, he was just a janitor. That changed one fall Saturday afternoon in 1976. I was reading a book about World War II and the tough Allied ground campaign in Italy, when I stumbled across an incredible story. On Sept. 13, 1943, a Private William Crawford from Colorado, assigned to the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, had been involved in some bloody fighting on Hill 424 near Altavilla, Italy. The words on the page leapt out at me: "in the face of intense and overwhelming hostile fire ... with no regard for personal safety ... on his own initiative, Private Crawford single-handedly attacked fortified enemy positions." It continued, "For

conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty, the President of the United States ... " "Holy cow," I said to my roommate, "you're not going to believe this, but I think our janitor is a Medal of Honor winner." We all knew Mr. Crawford was a WWII Army vet, but that didn't keep my friend from looking at me as if I was some sort of alien being. Nonetheless, we couldn't wait to ask Bill about the story Monday. We met Mr. Crawford bright and early Monday and showed him the page in question from the book, anticipation and doubt on our faces. He stared at it for a few silent moments and then quietly uttered something like, "Yep, that's me." Mouths agape, my roommate and I looked at one another, then at the book, and quickly back at our janitor. Almost at once we both stuttered, "Why didn't you ever tell us about it?" He slowly replied after some thought, "That was one day in my life and it happened a long time ago." I guess we were all at a loss for words after that. We had to hurry off to class and Bill, well, he had chores to attend to. However, after that brief exchange, things were never again the same around our squadron. Word spread like wildfire among the cadets that we had a hero in our midst. Mr. Crawford, our janitor, had won the Medal! Cadets who had once passed by Bill with hardly a glance, now greeted him with a smile and a respectful, "Good morning, Mr. Crawford."

*Editor's note: This story will continue next week with important lessons Moschgat learned from Mr. Crawford.*

## Team Vandenberg Spotlight

**Name:** Tech. Sgt. Vince Travali  
**Assignment:** The 381<sup>st</sup> Training Support Squadron, instructional design specialist  
**Hometown:** Enfield, Conn.  
**Time on Vandenberg:** 8 months  
**Time in service:** 16 years  
**Why he loves his job:** "I go home every day knowing that the work I did that day was key in the development of the world's premier space and missile operators and maintainers. The job they provide is going to keep the U.S. safe for decades to come. How can I not love doing that?"  
**Supervisor's comments:** "His professionalism, enthusiasm, hustle and pride set the standard for all NCOs and his infectious attitude have made him a force multiplier within the 381<sup>st</sup> Training Support Squadron — and he can crush a softball," said Master Sgt. Max Grindstaff, superintendent for the 381<sup>st</sup> Training Support Squadron. "He is one of the sharpest NCOs I've ever seen. He is a pleasure to work with and a great role model."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JESSICA RAMOS





(U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO)

**MTV host Carson Daly and musician Kid Rock are briefed by Tech. Sgt. Donald Ewell and Col. Lawrence Jackson from the 86<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron at Ramstein before heading out to the Kaiserslautern Military Community shooting range Dec. 8.**

# MTV features Ramstein airmen in USO special

By AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JULIE STULZ  
*86<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

■ **RAMSTEIN AB, Germany** — Millions of Americans will soon be able to view for themselves a day in the busy lives of seven Kaiserslautern Military Community members.

MTV camera crews followed the members, sometimes from morning until night, during a period of three days recently, filming on-the-job and off, as part of a joint United Services Organization and MTV two-hour show that will air Jan. 1 on MTV and AFRTS.

Camera crews were not the only groups to pay the KMC a visit. A few celebrities came along to show their support of the military.

MTV's "Total Request Live" host, Carson Daly, threw a sandbag from a C-130 Hercules onto a ground target.

Jennifer Lopez, a singer, dancer and actress, spent some time checking identification cards at Ramstein's West Gate.

Rapper Ja Rule got up bright and early to do physical training with KMC soldiers, while musician Kid Rock relished his marksmanship skills with the 86<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron at the Rod and Gun Club shooting range.

All four visited the KMC for three days. Most guest appearances were filmed as part of a "day-in-the-life" series. They stopped by the Kazabra Club on Vogelweh to judge a talent show and visited troops involved in the humanitarian airdrops.

"This was all too much," said Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Nathan Yeaworth from the 786<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, one of the military "superstars." "It's definitely a great time to be in the Air Force. I mean, I was being followed by MTV and AFN, and Kid Rock was playing guitar with me. That was so cool."

"I can't believe Jennifer Lopez visited my dorm room and came to work with me," said Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Carlos Fields, 37<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, another servicemember MTV followed. "I still can't believe it."

The celebrities also entertained KMC members with a concert show. The show was the grand finale to days full of guest appearances at various KMC facilities, military "training" and troop interaction.

Meeting with the troops, though, was definitely what both celebrities and troops appreciated the most.

"It's great meeting the troops," Daly said. "They're the best citizens we have. Seeing what they do up close makes me appreciate their work more." (*Air Force Print News*)



# Around the Air Force

## Disney, Universal honor military families

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*Courtesy of AFSPC Services and Public Affairs*

■ **PETERSON AFB, Colo.**—To honor America's military Disney World and Universal theme parks are offering a series of special discounts to servicemembers and family members.

The New Year will kick Disney's "Salute to the Armed Forces" and Universal's "Heroes Salute" campaigns, which will last to April 30. All active-duty, guardsmen and reservists called to active duty are also eligible.

Each servicemember may obtain one complimentary seven-day ticket valid for admission into Walt Disney World theme parks, to include Disney-MGM Studios, Animal Kingdom, Epcot and the Magic Kingdom, Pleasure Island and the Wide World of Sports.

Within seven days of purchasing the ticket servicemembers may also purchase various special offer tickets for up to five guests at a 50-percent discount off Disney's regular retail price.

Disney will also offer special rates on all its tropical cruise itineraries for most sailings from January 2002 through May 2002.

At Universal Orlando, the company is creating a special multi-day "Heroes Ticket" for the program, which will provide four days unlimited admission to Universal Studios Florida, Islands of Adventure and Wet n' Wild.

The pass expires seven days after it has been issued. Up to five family members and friends receive a 50-percent discount on admission.

At Universal Studios Hollywood, the hero receives a complimentary theme park admission ticket and up to five additional family member and friends admission tickets at a 50-percent discount. Both offers must be used within seven days of issue or purchase.

As part of the Heroes Salute program, discount rates at Universal on-site and partner hotels will also be available in both Orlando and Hollywood.

For more information on these discounts, those eligible can call Universal Orlando at (888) 331-3589, Universal Studios Hollywood at 1-800-UNIVERSAL.

Servicemembers can obtain more information on the Disney's salute to the armed forces by calling (407) 939-7424. Additional information on the cruise line discounts can be obtained by calling (888) 325-2500.

## B1-B crashes in Indian Ocean, crew saved

By JIM GARAMONE  
*American Forces Press Service*

■ **WASHINGTON** — A B-1B Lancer bomber crashed into the Indian Ocean, Wednesday, about 30 miles north of the British base of Diego Garcia, Pentagon officials said.

People from the Navy destroyer USS Russell rescued the plane's four crewmembers. A KC-10 Extender refueling plane was keeping watch on the ditched crew by circling their location, said U.S. Central Command officials.

"This underscores what we try to remember all the time," said Pentagon spokeswoman Torie Clarke. "The men and women of the U.S. military put their lives at risk every single day. We're very grateful for that and we are thinking of them."

B-1s have been used in the skies over Afghanistan since the beginning of the campaign, officials said. (*Air Force Print News*)

## Rumsfeld honors fallen Pentagon workers

By ARMY SGT. 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS KATHLEEN T. RHEM  
*American Forces Press Service*

■ **WASHINGTON** — Exactly three months after a hijacked plane crashed into the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld stood in front of the damaged military headquarters and vowed that America will not forget those killed in the attack.

"We will remember their lives," Rumsfeld told the small crowd who braved the rain and mud to mark the moment the terrorists struck. "We will retell their stories again and again so that neither the nation nor the world ever forgets."

"Their deaths were a clarion call to our nation," Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers said during the ceremony. "A call to once again confront the enemies of freedom, a call to once again join with friends and allies to preserve our basic values, and a call to stand united."

Rumsfeld said that before Sept. 11 Americans were wondering where all the heroes were. Nobody wonders any more.

"Today, all can see that the spirit of our nation is strong," he said. "And the heroes? We don't have to look far to find them. On Sept. 11 they were here and in New York, pulling friends and strangers out of the fire and out of the rubble."

"And in the skies over Pennsylvania, they showed those who believed Americans would not fight back that they were 'ready to roll,'" he said.

He called the damaged building a symbol of that will and courage, and added that it will be stronger and surer than before. The rebuilt Pentagon will be "a tribute to those heroes of today and all those heroes of yesterday who now sleep beneath the hills of Arlington Cemetery and on whose shoulders we are proud to stand," Rumsfeld said.

He also said he believes the thousands of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks here, in New York and in Pennsylvania would be proud of how the nation has come together in the aftermath of the tragedy. (*Air Force Print News*)

## Air Force delivers aid to Afghan children

By MAJ. SCOTT VADNAIS  
*U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs*

■ **ASHGABAT, Turkmenistan** — The first of two humanitarian flights carrying 140,000 pounds of winter coats, tents and gifts from American school children arrived here Monday on board a C-17 Globemaster III.

The humanitarian mission originated at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. "We didn't really know what we were carrying when we first were tasked with the mission," said Maj. Tony, one of several C-17 pilots flying the missions. The aircrew members are reservists from McChord AFB, Wash.

"Once we found out the mission was to carry the first shipment of aid bought and paid for by American school kids, it made the mission pretty special," said Tony.

The delivery of humanitarian cargo on board the C-17s is a direct result of President George W. Bush's formation of the America's Fund for Afghan Children in early October.

Bush challenged school children to each donate a dollar in addition to holding fundraising activities.

Since then, more than \$1.5 million has arrived at the White House, along with handwritten notes, poems and drawings, said Laura E. Kennedy, U.S. ambassador to Turkmenistan. The ambassador was there to meet the aircraft when it arrived.

"American kids raised all the funds used to buy this aid for the children of Afghanistan," said Kennedy. "In two months, they have raised over \$1.5 million. As an American, and as a mom, I'm very proud of America's kids."

Kennedy said the goods are going to some of the most distressed areas in Afghanistan.

"The aid will be trucked immediately to the Balkh and Faryab regions in northwestern Afghanistan," she said.

Two missions will deliver 1,658 winter coats, 1,500 winterized family-sized tents and 10,000 gift parcels that include hats, socks, candy and school supplies. (*Air Force Print News*)





PHOTO BY KIMBERLY CRUMP

Vandenberg Village Titans’ running back Denzel Crump (30) scores a touchdown against the Santa Ynez Pirates. The Titans beat the Pirates 30-24 and finished the season 6-3.

# Remember these Titans

*Bantam football team shows mettle in local league*

By Capt. Sean McKenna  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ A pint-sized pack of footballers displayed Team V spirit and guts on the gridiron with a third-place finish in the Coast Valley Youth Football League, which wrapped up its season Dec. 1.

The Vandenberg Village Titans, a group of 7- to 10-year-olds from in and around the base, closed the 2001 campaign with a 6-3 record in the league’s eight-team Bantam Division. The Titans’ titanic season ended in the league playoffs when the eventual champions Santa Ynez Pirates tiptoed past them 12-6.

“The team really played well together all season long,” said coach Stephen Rivera. “They practiced hard, executed well and knew what

had to be done. We’re proud of them.”

Playing their games at local Cabrillo High School, the 25 Titans included Curtis Baldwin, Aaron Brenot, Daniel Cousins, Denzel Crump, Ekepati Davis, Timothy Dahl, Jacob Dean, Anthony Duncan, Justin Erickson, Ernesto Guajardo, D’Andre Jordan, Mark

Long, Roman Pacheco, Zachary Pohlman, Tyler Smith, Tommy Litner, Juan Rivera, Steven Rivera, Stevenson Rivera, Sisto Solis, Cameron Stevens, Marshall Stevens, Donovan Washington, Nolan Williams and Travis Wilson.

The football league encompasses teams from Santa Barbara to Nipomo.



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY CRUMP

Titans’ running back, Steven Rivera, races around a tackler from the Nipomo Cowboys. The Titans won the game 40-28.

# One letter makes big difference in life

By Master Sgt. Ty Foster  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

For all of us, it’s easy to find something we’d like to change about ourselves. The hard part is doing something about it.

For me, it was looking in the mirror and seeing a fat, bald master sergeant staring back.

My eyes were always drawn to my gut. Sure, I could joke about it.

I’d pat my belly and say, “I have a six pack hiding underneath this 12 pack.”

For most of my 18-year Air Force career, physical exercise has been at the bottom of my priority list.

Taking time to work out during the day has always been difficult for me. Too much work and too many things to sidetrack me. By the end of a 10- or 12-hour day, I was beat.

Over the years, I’d have periodic bursts of increased physical activity. They were usually right around my annual aerobics test, never really a lifestyle change.

That is until about four months ago. I was ready for change. I hadn’t been feeling good, my uniforms were too tight and I was tired of thinking of myself as “fat.”

Coincidentally, the Health and Wellness Center was kicking off a fitness contest called “New You, By The New Year.”

The 16-week program involved an initial screening, then counseling on diet, fitness and stress reduction, and behavior modification.

It sounded good to me, so I signed up.

During the initial assessment, my

# Walkers show passion for pounding pavement

By Staff Sgt. Andrew Leonhard  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Braving the morning chill, 40 people, some from as far away as Sacramento, walked a Global Volksmarch held here Saturday morning.

The march’s 6.8-mile course took participants along San Antonio Road West near the golf course.

“Volksmarches provide a lifestyle exercise people of many different fitness levels can participate in for years,” said Bill Uttenweiler, secretary of the Peregrine Pathfinders and event coordinator for the Vandenberg Volksmarch. “It’s also great when done not just by military members but with their spouses, kids and, yes, even pets.”

A volksmarch is a family-oriented, non-competitive venture, usually a 6.2-mile, or 10-kilometer, walk. Saturday’s walkers came from all around the state and with all levels of experience.

With more than 18,000 kilometers behind her, Jo Hefner of Vacaville, Calif., has walked so many volksmarches that she said, “I can’t imagine life without it.”

One year she attended all 104 Volksmarches in California. This year, she said her goal is to walk 75 to 80 events.

Hefner was not the only one with a few miles on her shoes.

Walking with Hefner was another Volksmarch veteran, Edward Hoxworth from Sacramento.

Hoxworth has put in more than 11,000 kilometers since he first started participating in Volksmarches.

Hoxworth said the pace of a Volksmarch gives people a chance to slow down and enjoy life. “We see things in towns while walking that some people who live there don’t even see,” he said.

Between the two, they have walked in all 50 states and nine foreign countries.

Not all walkers have thousands of kilometers behind them. Erin Anderson, 3, with her toddler-size feet, walked with dad, Walter Anderson, 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron deputy operation maintenance officer. Anderson has covered about 75 kilometers in Volksmarches while Erin was “walking” in her first event. In the past Erin strolled through the finish line in the stroller, he said.

Volksmarching began in Germany several decades ago as a reaction against injuries suffered by competitive runners who pushed themselves too hard. Today there are thousands of volkssport clubs around the world and more than 500 volkssport clubs throughout the country, allied in the International Volkssport Federation.

Typically the start point for a volkssport-walking event is open for four to six hours. They can walk, jog or run at their own pace as long as they finish by the posted closing time, said Uttenweiler, who has completed 499 events and walked 6,348 kilometers.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. ANDREW LEONHARD

Walter Anderson, 576<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron, and his daughter Erin, 3, take stroll around the base Saturday during the Vandenberg Volksmarch.

Participants who pay a small fee receive commemorative medals or patches as awards and accumulate credit in the International Federation of Popular Sports award program. Participants may walk for free if they choose.

In addition to walking events, volkssports include bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing, and roller skating/blading events.

The IVV awards program encourages people to keep walking by providing recognition for their efforts. Volkssporters keep track of their events participated in and kilometers walked in passport-sized booklets.

For more information about Volksmarch visit <http://www.concentric.net/~wuttenwe/>.



# Community Calendar

## Dec. 7, 1941, remembered



Ernest Mahler (above middle) was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor 60 years ago. He and his wife Jeanette talk to a young Coast Guard reservist whose grandfather was killed in the attack.



Staff Sgt. Chad Smith, an instructor at the 533<sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron, sings "God Bless the USA" during Lompoc's Pearl Harbor 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony Dec. 7. More than 250 people attended the tribute to honor Pearl Harbor veterans.

PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS JESSICA RAMOS

## Events and Meetings

**14 FRI** A **Mutual Funds Basics** workshop is today at 11 a.m. in the Family Support Center. Attendees learn the basics of investing in mutual funds and how to start an investment portfolio with as little as \$25 a month. For registration and information, call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491.

The Family Support Center provides a **Bundles For Babies** workshop today at 2 p.m. for expectant parents. Attendees learn parenting skills, meet other expectant parents and receive a free gift. Topics include lifestyle changes, infant CPR, financing, the Nursing Moms Program, the Give Parents a Break Program and more. Classes are open to all ranks and are not limited to a first pregnancy. For registration and more information, call Lyn Smith at 605-8551.

Lompoc's annual Christmas parade is today at 6 p.m. The theme is "**Christmas Under the Stars.**" Immediately following the parade is the Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Centennial Square. Santa Claus makes a special appearance to present gifts to children of all ages. For more information, call JoAnne Plummer at 736-6565, Ext. 15.

The Santa Maria Civic Theatre presents **Fruitcakes**, a production of music and laughter written by Julian Wilkes, today and Saturday. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and show time is at 8 p.m. Call (805) 922-4442 to make reservations.

The Vandenberg Fitness Center and men's and women's Varsity Basketball team sponsors a **basketball tournament** today through Sunday for teams from all over the Southwest. For more information, call 606-3832.

The State Street Ballet gives the classic, "**The Nutcracker**" a new twist by setting it in Hollywood in the 1930s. Performances are today at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. For more information, call the Lobero Theater at (805) 963-0761.

**15 SAT** The **Community Carol Sing-Along and Wassail Party** is at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Santa Barbara Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Call the church at (805) 965-7419 for more information.

A **Nativity Pageant** narrated by Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. will be held in Solvang's outdoor theater on Saturday. Call (805) 688-6144 for more information.

**16 SUN** Visit the **Victorian Christmas at Stow House** Sunday and Monday. There is a 12-foot live Christmas tree, gingerbread contest, visits with Santa and a country store. The event is from noon to 4 p.m. at 304 N. Los Camereos Road in Goleta. Call (805) 964-4407 for more information.

**17 MON** **Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team** meets Monday at 3 p.m. in the Enlisted Lounge quiet room of the Pacific Coast Club. The purpose of VEAT is to keep wing leadership apprised of enlisted issues. Members are challenged to take action in identifying critical issues and finding new ways to work them. Meetings are open to all. For more information, call Senior Airman Elisa Delgado at 606-4631.

The fitness center has a **new women's varsity basketball coach**. Practice is held Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the fitness center. Call Rod Paronto at 606-3238 for more information.

Beginning and Intermediate **Hatha Yoga classes** are being offered by the Lompoc Parks and Registration Department now through Dec. 27. Call 736-6565 for more information.

**18 TUE** An **Individual Transition Plan** session is offered every Tuesday morning from 8 to 9 a.m. except during the transition assistance seminar week. An ITP is required for military members scheduled to retire or separate at least 90 days before leaving service. The mandatory counseling session includes information about service member's benefits. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 for more information.

**19 WED** The Health and Wellness Center has **weekly nutrition classes** Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics include heart smart for cholesterol control, meal planning for diabetes, prenatal and child nutrition, and nutrition for health. For more information, call the HAWC at 606-2221.

**Military retirees** meet at 1 p.m. in the Retiree Activities Center on the third Thursday of the month.

**National Society of Military Widows, Central Coast Chapter 44** meets the second Wednesday of every month for local widows and widowers. For more information, call 606-5474.

The new **Global Hearts Support Group**, coordinated by the Family Support Center, Chapel and Services Squadron, offers support for military families with deployment-related needs. This group is intended for spouses of active-duty members who are TDY, remote or deployed for more than 30

days. For information, call Tech. Sgt. Todd Lefebvre at 606-0039.

**20 THU** The **Titan Toastmasters** meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Base Library. Learn how to speak effectively in a no-pressure, supportive environment. For information, call Bruce Henderson at 606-154, Ext. 3627 or Chief Master Sgt. Archie Mitchell at 605-8081.

The **Couples and Money** workshop is Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Family Support Center. For registration and information, call 606-4491.

People can join **Jazzercise classes** in the Anderson Recreation Center in Lompoc. Classes offer a blend of jazz dance and exercise science set to popular music. The class schedule varies. Call 736-5477 for information.

The Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department offers **Little Stars Basketball** for ages preschool through kindergarten. Games are held through April 6 at the Anderson Recreation Center in Lompoc. Call Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department at 736-6565 for information.

**31 MON** The Santa Barbara Symphony **New Year's Eve Pops Concert** features waltzes, holiday favorites and film and Broadway hits Dec. 31 from 8:30 p.m. at the Arlington Theater. For more information, call (805) 963-4408.

From noon until midnight Dec. 31, **First Night Santa Barbara** will transform downtown into a celebration of art, music and festivity, with alcohol-free activities for children, teens and adults. Purchase a button to gain acces to all First Night events at the event venues. For information, call (805) 564-5194.


## AIR FORCE TELEVISION NEWS

- ♦ B-1Bs play a big role in the war over Afghanistan.
- ♦ Air Force Chief of Staff says he is satisfied with the progress of the war.
- ♦ Search and rescue teams practice for what they hope doesn't happen.
- ♦ Northern Watch continues alongside Enduring Freedom.
- ♦ Ready Reserves swap business suits for uniforms.
- ♦ Air Force Academy gets high marks in national academic ranking.
- ♦ Former enlisted medical technician involved in ground-breaking program.
- ♦ Mandatory enforcement of muscle-fitness testing still on hold.
- ♦ Barksdale AFB, La., helps program for handicapped.
- ♦ Hurricane Hunters' Pacific counterpart eye the storms.
- ♦ A stitch in time helps some Eglin A.F.B., Fla., newcomers.
- ♦ Texas girl gets the trip of a lifetime, thanks to Make-A-Wish Foundation.
- ♦ Spots: Child hunger, United Way

## CHAPEL NOTES

**Catholic Worship Services**  
Saturday at 5 p.m. in Chapel 2.  
Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Chapel 1.  
Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.  
Catholic religious education is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the religious education building.  
Confirmation is Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the religious education administration building. Youth confirmation is Sundays at 6 p.m. in the religious education administration building.

**Protestant Worship Services**  
Contemporary Service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.  
Traditional service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in Chapel 1.  
Gospel service is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.  
Protestant religious education opportunities are as follows:  
Summer Sunday school is 10 a.m. in the religious education building.  
The Youth Believers in God seminars are scheduled for Sundays at 6 p.m. in the religious education building. For other faith groups or concerns, call the chapel at 606-7773.

**AT THE MOVIES**

**Today**  
**RIDING IN CARS WITH BOYS**  
Starring Drew Barrymore, Steve Zahn  
A young mother with dreams of becoming a writer endures her failed marriage with the baby's drug addicted father. Rated PG-13.

**Saturday**  
**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE**  
Starring John Travolta, Vince Vaughn  
A divorced father discovers that his son's new stepfather is a murderer. He sets out on a mission to rescue his son. Rated PG-13.

**Sunday**  
**K-PAX**  
Starring Jeff Bridges, Kevin Spacey  
A doctor treats a delusional man in the aftermath of a mugging at Grand Central Station. The doctor figures it's only a matter of time before he unlocks the mind of the delusional man. Rated PG-13.

*All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*



# S<sup>30th</sup> Services

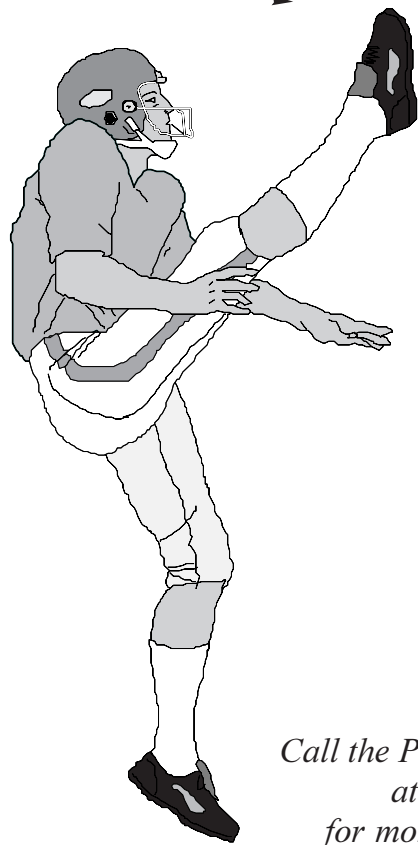


# NEWS

## Vandenbergh Air Force Base FITNESS CENTER



**FOOTBALL TOSS! WIN PRIZES! FOOD! FUN!**



**Monday**  
**St. Louis**  
vs.  
**New Orleans**

**Dec. 22**  
**Tennessee**  
vs.  
**Oakland**

**Dec. 29**  
**Baltimore**  
vs.  
**Tampa Bay**

Call the Pacific Coast Club  
at 606-3330  
for more information.

**Friday**  
Game at 9 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Games beginning 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Sunday**  
Games beginning 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

at the  
**Fitness Center**  
**Bldg. 9005**

For more information, contact Rod Paronto at 606-3832.



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**- ONLY -**

Open this Saturday  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(No tickets available those days).

For more information, call 606-7976.

### YOUTH SPORTS

#### YOUTH BASEBALL OPEN BOARD MEETING

All interested volunteers will meet Jan 8, 2002, at 7 p.m. in the Youth Sports office, Bldg. 16156. For more information, please call 606-2152.

#### YOUTH SOFTBALL BOARD MEETING

All interested volunteers will meet Jan 8, 2002, at 5 p.m. in the Youth Sports office, Bldg. 16156. For more information, please call 606-2152.

### BOWLING

**SATURDAY -**  
**4-Games across 8-Lanes Tournament.**  
Cost \$10 per entry. No step ladder finals. Men and women divisions, if there are enough participants. This is a handicap event with payoff the same night.

**HAM ROLL -** Bowl an open play game and receive a ticket for each game bowled, plus a bonus ticket if three or more games are bowled in any one session for a chance to win a ham. Drawing held Dec. 21 with up to four large hams to be given away. Bowl for hams Sunday through Dec. 15. Thunder Alley not included.

**THROUGH SATURDAY,** eligible users of the Bowling Center who bring an ornament to hang on the Center's tree will receive two bowling coupons for free games and a reduction of the cost of a beverage of their choice (non-alcoholic). Come and join the fun!

### ROD & GUN

**SATURDAY -**  
**TURKEY SHOOT**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Compete for 20 turkeys. Sporting clays, indoor archery, pistol and rifle competitions. For more information, call Lance at 606-4560.

### GOLF

#### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SALE!

The golf course pro shop will have a Christmas sale - 10 percent off any item over \$10, not already on sale (excluding club sets) through Sunday. Come in and do your Christmas shopping for those special people in your life.

**WEDNESDAY -**  
Ladies Priority, 8:32 to 9:04 a.m.

### FITNESS

**FRIDAY -**  
**Jingle Bell 5K-10K Fun Run**  
Noon, at the Fitness Center.  
Call 606-3832.

**SATURDAY - Box Aerobics,** 9 to 10 a.m.  
Aerobic Center Annex.

### YOUTH SPORTS

**VAFB YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM** is still taking registrations for boys, grades 6th through 8th, to fill the Senior Boys Basketball Division. Registrations will be taken Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Youth Center until teams are full. Call 606-2152 for more information.



**SATURDAY**  
**9-11am**  
**Youth Center Gym**

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Family Child Care Program has implemented a wonderful program that is not being utilized.

### EXTENDED DAY CARE PROGRAM

The program is available to all military and DoD personnel who are required to work extended duty hours, Monday through Friday, or weekends, beyond the standard 10-hour child care day or 5-day work week or have emergency child care needs. The extended child care may also be used by guard or reserve members called to active duty, or when they are in training status. All patrons must be enrolled within the flight programs: Child Development Center, Youth Center or if presently in a FCC home, you are eligible to use this great program. For the latter, extended duty care may be used for a few days until the parent or parents can make permanent arrangements. All extended care hours will be provided at a certified FCC provider's home.

For more information on the program, please contact FCC Coordinator Gwendolyn Jones at 606-4639, Ext. 3255.

## Breakfast With Santa

#### TICKETS:

\$2.50 Members/Global Hearts, \$3.50 Nonmembers

Purchase tickets at the

Youth Center by Friday, close of business.

Each ticket gets you: pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, coffee and a picture with Santa!

Save those tickets for door prizes! Christmas Bingo!

**Santa will visit from 10 to 11 a.m.**

Questions? Contact the Youth Center at 606-2152.

Tickets not available at the door. Minimum participation required.

## SANTA VISITS BASE HOUSING



If you would like Santa to visit your children in your home (base housing only), stop by the Services Center and sign up today.

Cost is \$5 per family. Just bring a small, wrapped gift for each child to the Services Center the day before your scheduled visit, and Santa will deliver them in person.

Visits available  
this  
**Monday through**  
**Friday.**  
**SIGN**  
**UP NOW!**



**December 31 • 8 p.m.**

**\$30 per person**  
Heavy hors d'oeuvres  
8 to 10 p.m.

Champagne or sparkling cider  
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Breakfast from 12:15 to 1 a.m.

Live entertainment 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
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*Come and celebrate the New Year in New York-style!*

Get your tickets at the club. Call 606-3330 for more information



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requesting and approving leave for Dec. 31 still apply.

All supervisors are asked to make this time available for non-mission essential members.

MED GROUP RENOVATES CLINIC

Renovation of the 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group's Family Practice and Internal Medicine Clinics continues until June 1, 2003. The Family Practice Clinic is relocated to the fourth floor and the Internal Medicine and GYN Clinic are relocated to the third floor. For more information call 605-2335.

MILITARY LIAISON TEAMS NEED VOLUNTEERS

United States Air Forces in Europe needs senior NCO volunteers for Military Liaison Teams. Team members are from all branches of the armed services and MTL provides an excellent opportunity for joint exposure and career broadening. Host-country language skills are desirable but not mandatory. Host countries include: Albania, Georgia, Macedonia and Moldova. Those interested should call 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Amy Garrett at 606-3259 for more information.

BASE ENTRY DECALS EXPIRE SOON

The 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron pass and registration office reminds base drivers to ensure vehicle registrations are updated. The "01" Air Force Form 2219 expires Dec. 31. Everyone assigned to Vandenberg is required to register privately-

owned vehicles. For more information, call pass and registration at 606-1853.

TAX OFFICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR TAX SEASON

The 2001/02 tax season is approaching and the legal office staff needs volunteers to participate in this year's tax assistance program. Volunteers receive federal and California State tax preparation training for various tax forms, to include paper and electronic filing. To participate as a Unit Tax Advisor, call Master Sgt. Charles Smith at 605-6207.

BREAKERS CONTINUES FAMILY NIGHT

The 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron staff offers a weekly dinner Thursday at the Breakers Dining Facility from 6 to 7 p.m. The dinner is open to all family members of people deployed in support of an overseas operation. To participate, family members must bring a copy of their spouse's orders to the services squadron front office in Bldg. 11013 across from Bldg. 11777. For more information, call 606-5031.

GROUP NEEDS COOKIES FOR WAGON

The 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron needs cookies for their HO-HO Wagon. The program is set up so commanders can go to various organizations working on Christmas Eve and pass out cookies, drinks and sandwiches to the troops. For information, call Tech. Sgt. Philip Nixon at 606-4680.

Air Force secretary shares views on space road map

By HAP PARKER  
*Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs*

■ **LOS ANGELES AFB, Calif.** — Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche has spelled out what he sees as the new space road map — the integration of air and space.

Roche was in Los Angeles recently and addressed military and industry partners at the Air Force Association National Symposium.

"Since I became secretary of the Air Force almost six months ago, I've spent a lot of time on the road, meeting many people across the Air Force, industry and our communities," he said. "But wherever I go, I've engaged with folks about how we intend to shape our Air Force so it is poised for the current century."

Roche briefly commented on the situation in Afghanistan and said that America is united in a war for liberty and "for all of the same freedoms and values that mark our manner of life."

He said that in the months ahead he will continue the enormously important work to make changes that are necessary to adapt and strengthen the air and space contributions to national defense.

"It seems to me, as we look at space and the future of the Air Force, our performance in the space arena will prove to be a key indicator of how well the Air Force as a whole will fulfill our responsibilities for the 21<sup>st</sup> century," he said.

With that in mind, Roche singled out four general categories he will focus on: strategy, people, efficiency and the industrial base.

He said his first priority is to work with his colleagues to adjust strategic parameters to fit the challenges and opportunities of a new security environment.

Then, as part of the overall imperative to attract and retain the best people in a high-technology world, he will accelerate efforts to develop a space cadre for the Air Force.

"And this includes developing a career progression, educational

opportunities and other tangible measures of affirmation that capitalize on the brilliance and expertise of our airmen and civilians," he said.

Roche said his third priority is to recognize how the Air Force must be efficient and cost-effective, in part by looking to best business practices and processes in acquisition programs and operations.

"We simply must find ways to get more out of our space assets — through horizontal integration of systems, best practices and smarter management of the information we obtain from space systems," Roche said.

He said that employing space assets seamlessly with air and ground will enhance the conduct of global operations.

"Finally," Roche said, "there is the critical need our nation faces to provide more incentive in industry for innovation. Over the past several years, the number of suppliers to the Air Force missions in space has dwindled from the double digits to only a handful.

"If we can begin to solve these issues in the space domain, we will be well on our way to completing the transformation of the Air Force we began years ago, and which our president and (Defense) Secretary (Donald) Rumsfeld have envisioned for the future," he said.

Roche said he will stay the course with these efforts, even as the Air Force continues to patrol the skies over Iraq for Northern and Southern Watch, protects the airspace above America, conducts combat operations over Afghanistan and provides humanitarian support to people all over the world.

"It is a great day to be an American, with many of the dividing lines and distinctions between us all fading away," Roche said. "It is a great day to be an airman in today's Air Force, with an incredible sense of purpose and knowledge of our place in history. It is also a great day to be a part of the Air Force family." (*Air Force Space Command News Service*)